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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 9847-000007/US

First Inventor Rodney H. Thomas

Title Covers, Systems and Methods for Covering Deck Components

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Specification [Total Pages 28]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C.113) [Total Sheets 9]
- Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]
 a. Newly executed (original or copy)

 b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))

(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

 i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
11. English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
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Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP)
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Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) |
| 1001 | 750 | 2001 | 375 |
| 1002 | 330 | 2002 | 165 |
| 1003 | 520 | 2003 | 260 |
| 1004 | 750 | 2004 | 375 |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | | (\$) 375 |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Total Claims | -20 ** | = | Extra Claims | X | Fee from below | = | Fee Paid |
|--------------|--------|---|--------------|---|----------------|---|----------|
| 26 | -20 ** | = | 6 | X | 9 | = | 54 |
| 3 | -3 ** | = | 0 | X | 0 | = | 0 |
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|--------------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 84 | 2201 | 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 280 | 2203 | 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 84 | 2204 | 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
| SUBTOTAL (2) | | | | (\$) 54 |

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--|----------|
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 410 | 2252 | 205 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 930 | 2253 | 465 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,450 | 2254 | 725 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 1,970 | 2255 | 985 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 320 | 2401 | 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 320 | 2402 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 280 | 2403 | 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive – unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,300 | 2453 | 650 | Petition to revive – unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,300 | 2501 | 650 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 470 | 2502 | 235 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 630 | 2503 | 315 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 750 | 2809 | 375 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 750 | 2810 | 375 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 750 | 2801 | 375 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
| Other fee (specify) _____ | | | | | |

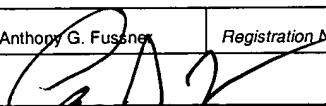
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